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## 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP

### Mexico

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.

Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.

Listen many times – enough for you to understand everything.

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We have a great young team and a really good coach. Mexico will really go far in this World Cup. It is time for the world to see just how well Mexico can play football. We call our manager El Vasco and he has changed our team. Mexico have qualified for the FIFA World Cup finals 14 times in total but we've never really done so well. The best we've done was in 1970 and 1986. Both those times we reached the quarter finals – the last eight. This time I'm sure we'll go one better and get to the semis. Our midfield maestro Blanco has something to prove. It will be his last World Cup and he will do his best to inspire his teammates to do well. We also have many exciting young players, like Ochoa, Juarez and dos Santos. I really can't wait to see them play.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# TEAM MEXICO SURVEY

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/world\\_cup/mexico.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/world_cup/mexico.html)

Write five GOOD questions about Mexico's team in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



# WRITING

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/world\\_cup/mexico.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/world_cup/mexico.html)

**Write about Mexico's team for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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## **HOMEWORK**

- 1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- 2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about Mexico's team. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- 3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Mexico. How will they do in the 2010 World Cup? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- 4. MEXICO POSTER** Make a poster about Mexico's team. Include profiles of the star players. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.
- 5. MY MEXICO LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on Mexico. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.
- 6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Mexico. Share your findings with the class.

